Week of January 5

Sending Our Treasure and Our Heart to Heaven

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matt. 6:21)

"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man, that Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love." (Eph. 3:14-17)

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness." (Matt. 6:33)

The kingdom people must send their treasure to heaven so that their heart also can be in heaven. (Matt. 6:21, footnote 1)

Money is a material thing that belongs to the earth. Yet the Bible puts God and mammon together. This proves that man's heart is either touched by God or by money. God's test of a man's heart toward Him is in the way of man's giving. (*CWWN*, vol. 43, pp. 726-727)

In this new year may the Lord make more home in our hearts than ever before. May He gain us as those who seek first His kingdom and His righteousness for the Father's glory and the enemy's shame.

Middle-Age FTTA

The FTTA-MA is a one-year program with two 15-week terms. This coming term will begin on March 9 and conclude on June 20. Saints may attend the training on a short-term basis with a minimum period of one week.

The classes are given in English, Chinese, Korean, and Spanish. We hope that many saints in the Lord's recovery will seize this opportunity to be perfected. All applications must be received no later than February 18. If you are interested, please fellowship with the leading brothers in your hall. Testimonies, detailed information, and application forms are at www.fttamidage.org.

May the Lord release some from LA for this training. May the Lord also release many from the heartland of America in preparation for strengthening and raising us churches this year.

BFA Distribution in San Fernando Valley

Saints in hall 2 will distribute English and Spanish Bibles at a Walmart January 11 to 12 and 18 to 19. Please pray:

- for many saints to participate in this endeavor including some young ones;
- to bind any distractions or opposing people that will prevent Bibles for being distributed;
- that every Bible will get into the right hands so that God's word can multiply;
- for positive experiences and for the spirit of the gospel to be stirred up in all the saints participating;
- for some recipients to enter continuing fellowship with us.

Bible Distribution at the Winter Youth Olympic Games

Approximately 1900 young people from 70 countries will participate in the third Winter Youth Olympic Games in Lausanne, Switzerland from January 9 to 22. Thousands of visitors will also be present. The churches in Switzerland with saints from other nations and some FTTA trainees will distribute NTs in three languages the weekend of January 11 to 12. Please pray for:

- many local saints and saints from nearby countries to help distribute NTs;
- NTs to be received by many seeking young people;
- the Lord to use this event to open up the whole country for the gospel;
- a sweet coordination among the churches, good weather, and the Lord's rich blessing.

Stuttgart, Germany

Please pray for an adequate meeting hall for the church in Stuttgart in the best location, at an affordable price, and readily accessible to public transportation. (Their current rented meeting place will become unavailable due to a change in management.)

Turkey

Please pray for the perfecting and functioning of the Turkish-speaking saints in Istanbul. They will begin to have their own meeting once a month with the goal of forming a new district, in addition to English- and Chinese-speaking districts, later this year.

Announcements

- 1. **Morning Revival**: *Material Offerings and the Lord's Move*, week 2. Next week, begin *Knowing and Experiencing the All-inclusive, Extensive Christ* (Thanksgiving Conference). Keep your copy of Material Offerings; we will use it again.
- 2. **New website**: www.lsmchristianradio.com broadcasts Life-study messages 24 hours each day.
- 3. **New website**: The co-workers in North America have launched <u>shepherdingwords.com</u> to address misinformation about the Lord's recovery and certain critical issues facing the recovery.
- 4. The **Southern California Spanish Speaking Conference** and the **Southern California Young People's Blending Conference** will both be Friday night, January 17 to LD noon, January 19 in Anaheim. Information in English is at www.socalspanish.org. All YP must be registered in advance at tinyurl.com/2020YPblending.